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BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA **NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

~from Diana Fiedler, State Advisor, Montana BPA, dated May 17, 2007~

- ❖ 345 students, advisors, and guests attended the NLC (the highest number yet!) in New York City, May 9-12, 2007.
- ❖ Montana Secondary Division was awarded the 'Membership Growth Award' for the 7th year in a row!
- ❖ Our **Post-Secondary Division** was also awarded the 'Membership Growth Award' and were in attendance from Flathead Valley Community College and placed in the **TOP TEN!**
Andrew Creighton, FVCC, 6th place in Human Resource Management—Post-Secondary
- ❖ Fifty-two **Montana Secondary** students placed in the **TOP TEN** in the nation in competitive events and went to the stage to receive their medallions and award plaques!
- ❖ Three former Montana state officers, Heidi Grove, Lauren Fox, and Samantha Mahlen, were invited to sing the National Anthem at the Opening Session in front of a packed house of over 6,000 attendees!
- ❖ **National TOP THREE** awardees:
 - **Jared Jackson**, Huntley Project HS, **3rd place** in Advanced Accounting.
 - **Justinn Marshall**, Saco HS, **2nd place** in Keyboarding Production
 - **Alyssa Hjelvik**, Melstone HS, **1st place** in Integrated Office Applications
 - **Braydn Harsha**, Columbus HS, **1st place** in Basic Office Systems
 - **Alyssa Sipes**, Columbus HS, **2nd place** in Basic Office Systems
 - **Tara Killen**, Forsyth HS, **1st place** in Medical Office Procedures
 - **Michael Lin, Max Lowe, & Lex Uhlmann**, Bozeman HS, **2nd place** in Video Production Team
 - **Matt Henderson**, Billings West HS, **2nd place** in PC Servicing & Troubleshooting
 - **Matt Henderson**, Billings West HS, **2nd place** in CISCO Systems Administration
 - **Cassie Carter, Stephanie Faust, & Brianna Schutz**, Columbus HS, **3rd place** in Global Marketing Team
 - **Megan Berndt, Heather Greene, Shsha Panasuk, & Chelsea Portra**, Bainville HS, **2nd place** in Presentation Management Team
- ❖ **MONTANA BPA's 2007 NLC TOP TEN NATIONAL PLACINGS**
 - *Admin. Support Concepts*, **Jennifer Nelson**, Sidney HS, 7th place.
 - *Admin. Support Concepts*, **Tyrel Waagen**, Culbertson HS, 10th place.
 - *Admin. Support Research Project-Ind.*, **KayLie Carsner**, Roundup HS, 8th place.
 - *Advanced Accounting*, **Jessa Aipperspach**, Ronan HS, 4th place.
 - *Advanced Interview Skills*, **Eric Hjelvik**, Melstone HS, 9th place.
 - *Advanced Office Systems*, **Alyssa Hjelvik**, Melstone HS, 8th place.
 - *Banking & Finance*, **Danni Thom**, Stanford HS, 4th place.
 - *Basic Office Systems & Procedures*, **Jennifer Nelson**, Sidney HS, 4th place.
 - *Computerized Accounting*, **Levi Kimmet**, Cut Bank HS, 10th place.
 - *Database Applications*, **KayLie Carsner**, Roundup HS, 7th place.
 - *Database Applications*, **Lori Ahern**, Broadview HS, 9th place.
 - *Desktop Publishing*, **Caitlyn Zimmerman**, Shields Valley HS, 8th place.

- *Digital Media Production*, **Michael Lin**, Bozeman HS, 6th place.
- *Digital Media Production*, **Kayla Pierson**, Roberts HS, 9th place.
- *Economic Research Project-Individual*, **Teri Husfloen**, Roundup HS, 9th place.
- *Economic Research Project-Team*, **Amanda Hedtke, Kolette Johnson, & Jessica Smith**, Absarokee HS, 4th place.
- *Financial Analyst Team*, **Samantha Mahlen & Shawn Romo**, Bainville HS, 5th place.
- *Fundamental Accounting*, **Chelsea Nelson**, Red Lodge HS, 5th place.
- *Fundamental Word Processing*, **Susan Dynneson**, Sidney HS, 4th place.
- *Fundamental Word Processing*, **Alyssa Sipes**, Columbus HS, 8th place.
- *Fundamentals of XHTML*, **Stan Parker**, Billings Senior HS, 10th place.
- *Information Technology Concepts*, **Matt Henderson**, Billings West HS, 9th place.
- *JAVA Programming*, **David Souther**, Billings Senior HS, 10th place.
- *Keyboarding Production*, **Levi Kimmet**, Cut Bank HS, 8th place.
- *Legal Office Procedures*, **Koryn Nollmeyer-Haight**, Shields Valley HS, 7th place.
- *Parliamentary Procedure Team*, **Megan Brumfield, Quinn Halverson, Jared Hanson, Christina Lasater, Alta Peila**, Shepherd HS, 9th place.
- *Web Application Team*, **Stan Parker, David Souther, & Owen Haacke**, Billings Senior HS, 5th place.

❖ MONTANA BPA's 2007 NLC SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

- *BPA Marketing & Public Relations Award*, DENTON HIGH SCHOOL.
- *Chapter Activities Award of Excellence*, CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL.
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- *Community Action Award*, CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL.
- *Community Action Award*, DENTON HIGH SCHOOL.
- *Community Action Award*, PARK HIGH SCHOOL.
- *Safety Awareness Award*, CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL.
- *Special Olympics Award*, CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL.
- *Special Olympics Award*, DENTON HIGH SCHOOL.
- *Special Olympics Award*, PARK HIGH SCHOOL.

❖ MONTANA BPA's 2007 QUALITY CHAPTERS

- BUTTE HIGH SCHOOL, Maureen Richardson, Advisor
- HARLOWTON HIGH SCHOOL, Tammi Flickinger, Advisor
- SIDNEY HIGH SCHOOL, Elaine Stedman, Advisor
- BILLINGS WEST HIGH SCHOOL, Shelly Stanton, Advisor
- WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL, Julie Hanson, Advisor

CONGRATULATIONS to all NLC participants ... Montana BPA is SO proud of you!

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